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SUBJ: DUBAI TO BUILD ALUMINUM SMELTER

1. ON MAY 6 SHEIKH RASHED OF DUBAI SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH SMELTER CORPORATION LTD. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALUMINUM COMPLEX IN THE JEBERPY REGION OF DUBAI. CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE AN ESTIMATED FOUR YEARS; THE FIRST STAGE, BEGINNING WITH INVESTIGATORY WORK AND DESIGNS, WILL BE COMPLETED IN FOURTEEN MONTHS. TOTAL COST OF THE COMPLEX IS ESTIMATED AT 150 MILLION STERLING, AND WITH ALLIED INDUSTRIES COULD REACH AS HIGH AS 300 MILLION. DESIGNED TO PRODUCE 150,000 TONS/YEAR, THE COMPLEX WILL EMPLOY 3,000 WORKERS AND STAFF.

2. OWNERSHIP OF THIS UNIT IS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DUBAI (80 PER CENT) AND BRITISH SMELTER (20 PER CENT). THE BRITISH COMPANY WILL UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT ON A TURN-KEY BASIS, TAKING OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AND EXECUTION. AT LATER STAGES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SIGN AN OPERATING CONTRACT WITH A FIRM WHICH MAY ALSO BECOME SHAREHOLDER.

3. AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WILL REPORT
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FURTHER ON THIS ENORMOUS PROJECT, THE SIZE OF WHICH

HAS TAKEN EVERYONE BY SUPRISE.

4. FOLLOWING REPORT FROM LOCAL PRESS REQUIRES NO EMBASSY
COMMENT: QUOTE: PRESENT AT THE SIGNING CERMONY WERE
THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND INDUSTRY, THE BRITISH
CONSUL IN DUBAI, AND MR. MAHDI TAJIR. UNQUOOTE
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